



Flooding

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States. Floods can develop over the course of a few weeks or happen at a moments notice.



Things to Know:

Flood Watch: Conditions to have a flood in your area are favorable.

Flood Warning: A flood is occurring or is very likely to occur very soon.

Before a Flood:

- Contact your insurance provider if you are in a flood plain. Many insurance companies don't regularly cover flood damage.
- If in a flood plain put hot water heaters, electrical panels, and furnaces further from the ground.
- When making a disaster kit, make sure you can take it with you in case of evacuation.
- Have basements sealed with water proofer.
- If a flooding is possible, try and create a barrier between your house and the water.

During a Flood:



- Get to higher ground if possible.
- Evacuate your house if flooding is possible.
- Know your town and make sure you know alternate escape routes in case one is blocked.
- Take pets with you if you evacuate. However, many shelters usually do **NOT** allow pets inside due to sanitary conditions so plan accordingly.
- Do **NOT** try and drive through water. As little as 2 feet can cause most cars to float, and as little as a few inches of moving water can wash most cars away with the current.
- Don't try and drive through rushing water over a roadway, it is very dangerous and can easily sweep your car away.
- Do **NOT** try to cross moving water on foot. As little as a few inches can knock you off your feet.
- Watch TV or listen to the radio to find out what actions to take next.

For more information on flooding preparedness, visit the IDHS website at: www.in.gov/dhs.